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**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.**

**STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION**

**CASE NO. PUC000003**

**Ex Parte, In re: Investigation of the  
appropriate level of intrastate access  
service prices**

**HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING**

**May 23, 2000**

On May 16, 2000, United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. and Central Telephone Company of Virginia ("the Companies"), by counsel, filed a joint motion requesting leave to file electronic copies of its cost studies. In support of the motion, the Companies state that the sets of cost studies to be provided by the Companies will involve the creation of a substantial number of binders for each set of studies for each company. The motion further notes that by Hearing Examiner's Ruling dated May 10, 2000, GTE South Incorporated was granted leave to file with the Commission an original and five (5) paper copies of its cost studies and fifteen (15) copies in electronic format.

Upon consideration, I find the Companies' motion should be granted. I further find that Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA") may also file electronic copies of its cost studies. Accordingly,

**IT IS DIRECTED THAT**, on or before May 30, 2000, the Companies shall file with the Commission an original paper version of its cost studies, five (5) additional paper copies (a total of six (6) paper sets), and fifteen (15) copies in electronic format compatible with Microsoft Office 97 on separate compact disks or sets thereof. BA-VA may also file, on or before May 30, 2000, an original paper version of its cost studies, five (5) additional paper copies, and fifteen (15) copies in electronic format in lieu of the current requirement to file an original and twenty (20) paper copies of its cost studies. However, the Companies and BA-VA shall produce additional paper copies if so directed.

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Chief Hearing Examiner